

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
Northern District of California
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Re: Metropolitan Direct Property and Casualty Insurance Co. v. Synigal, et al.,
U.S. District Court Case No. C 07-5466 JL

Dear Counsel:

At the time that you filed your first pleading in this case, you should have been notified that the matter had been assigned to the undersigned magistrate judge for all purposes including trial. You should have received a form stating that the magistrate judges of this district have been designated to conduct any and all proceedings in a civil case including a jury or nonjury trial and to order the entry of a final judgment, upon the consent of all parties.

You should have been notified that you had the right to have the case reassigned to a United States District Court judge for trial and disposition if you wish, or to consent to the jurisdiction of this Court. You should have received a form in two parts, the top part consenting to assignment of your case to a United States Magistrate Judge; and the second part declining to consent to the assignment to a magistrate judge and requesting reassignment to a United States District Court Judge.

We have not received a signed form from you. Two forms are enclosed, the consent form and the request for reassignment. If you wish to have the matter reassigned to a District Court Judge, then you should sign the appropriate request. You are free to withhold consent to this Court and request reassignment to a district judge without any adverse consequences.

Please sign and return *one* of the enclosed forms by close of business **Friday, December 14, 2007**.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Larson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "Larson" clearly distinguishable.

James Larson
Chief Magistrate Judge